

## TEXAS OIL FIRE UNDER CONTROL

Hard to Estimate the Amount of Damage.

IT OCCASIONED EXCITEMENT

Only the Wells and Operations Within a Limited Area Were Affected—Damage Not So Great as Was First Supposed—Cause of Fire.

(By Associated Press.)

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, September 12.—At daylight this morning the fire in the all field burned itself out, and tonight there are only four wells and two tanks burning. One of the wells is a big gusher, and it is thought much trouble will be experienced in extinguishing it. The smaller wells can be easily handled, as the fire is principally fed by gas.

The oil is being drawn from the tanks as rapidly as possible, and they will probably burn themselves out tonight. There is a breeze blowing, but it is sweeping across the field and toward the fire. Even if it changes there will be little danger of further loss, for the reason that the loose oil has all been burned off. There is a large force of workmen on the ground, and a spread of the fire can be checked in its incipency.

Preparations are going forward in the work of extinguishing the burning wells, and it is now believed that an effort will be made toward that end to-morrow.

The loss caused by the fire is variously estimated. The lowest figures by any competent judge place the total loss at about \$500,000.

From this it ranges up to \$2,500,000. So far as can be ascertained about thirty derricks were destroyed. The loss on these was comparatively small. Fifteen tanks, some of them filled with oil, were burned, and they will have to be repaired before they are again serviceable. Several pumping plants were put out of service and are rendered useless, and in this lies the heaviest loss, outside of the oil destroyed.

The fire was started by the carelessness of a workman whose name has not yet been ascertained. He went into a tank, which was partially filled with oil, with a lighted lantern and there was an explosion of gas which ignited the oil. The man escaped, though he is said to have been badly burned. The wood gusher had been left open and it was ignited within a few minutes and before an alarm could be given to control the burning tank, the flame leaped high in the air, the derrick caught fire and so did the oil, which was standing around the well. The ignition was comparatively slow, but the fire once started spread rapidly over the Keith Ward tract, which is on the other edge of the fire. Volumes of smoke were created and gave the impression that the area of fire was much greater than it really was. The flames snatched up through the smoke, forked and jagged like lightning in some instances, and in great sheets in other portions of the field.

The ground was thoroughly soaked with oil and used this has been burned off, and everything, even creating for like effect in the city four miles away. There was very little wind and this contributed to the safety of the rest of the field.

Almost the whole population of Beaumont rushed to the field though there was nothing to be done there save to look at the fire.

Special trains were sent early in the morning from Port Arthur and Nederland with picked workmen to assist in smothering the flames and these have been at work to-day chopping down derricks, covering wells and draining away the loose oil that had not been reached by the fire. The men are at the field to-night keeping guard.

The Atlantic and Pacific Oil Company

It will be gratifying to the stockholders of the Atlantic and Pacific Company to know that the fire now raging at the wells at Beaumont, Tex., does not in the least affect their company, in that their wells are twenty miles away at Sour Lake, and the lands owned by the Atlantic and Pacific Company are working is one well to an acre, while at Beaumont they have from fifteen to sixteen wells to the half an acre. The men are at the field greatly in connecting one with the other.

## THE LEESBURG LYNCHERS

Scott Bradley Placed on Trial—An Acquittal Expected.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
LEESBURG, VA., Sept. 12.—The acquittal of Charles Lowenbach, of Leesburg, of implication in the lynching of the negro Charles Craven on July 31st, by the jury yesterday evening, has increased interest in the trial of Scott Bradley, charged with the same offense. Bradley's case was set for trial this morning. He pleaded not guilty. The attorney for the Commonwealth, Mr. A. E. Garrett, has summoned for the trial of Bradley about seventeen witnesses, and with the evidence already at hand, he believes that he will make a vigorous and determined prosecution. The defense, which is being conducted by Mr. Marshall McCormick, of Berryville, and Mr. W. E. Garrett, of Leesburg, expect to prove the innocence of Bradley. The morning session was taken up in procuring a jury of competent men, and it was not until after an examination of sixty-two men, summoned to try the case, that twelve unobjectionable men were empaneled.

The examination of witnesses for the State was in progress when the jury, after deliberating for some time, returned at 9 o'clock this evening. Public feeling is favorable to the defendant, and the belief is general that the jury will acquit Bradley. The evidence being adduced in case of Bradley being substantially of the same character as that which resulted in Lowenbach's acquittal.

The trial will be continued to-morrow, and the defense announces that the case will be given to the jury in the evening.

## NEW CRIMINAL RECORD

Kills His Wife and Her Father, Wounds Her Mother and Assaults Her Sister.

(By Associated Press.)

PIERCE, NEB., September 12.—Last night Gottlieb Nienegand shot and killed his former wife, Mrs. Anna Peters, shot six times at Albert Breyer, her father, who died, and shot the wife of Breyer in the shoulder, seriously wounding her, fatally wounding her. After the shooting Nienegand left the house and meeting Mrs. Peters' sister, Lena Breyer, attempted a criminal assault.

Heavy Decrease in Negro Vote.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., Sept. 12.—The Board of Registration appointed by the new Constitution for Scottsville District, Albemarle county, has completed registration at three of the five precincts in this district, and the number of colored voters registered show a decrease of more than seventy-five per cent. from the former list.

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## RICHMOND YOUTH HAS HERO'S NERVE

With Foot Crushed Nearly Off He Climbs Pole for Lamp With Which to Signal Train.

Eighteen-year-old Patrick Guthrie, whose foot was crushed into an unrecognizable mass by the wheels of the westbound passenger train that left here Thursday night over the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road, was reported at the Old Dominion Hospital last night as getting along nicely.

Young Mr. Guthrie was on a short trip to Washington, from what could be learned from the facts last night, and was to return to Richmond yesterday morning. He was walking between two coaches near Plymouth Run, a short distance from Fredericksburg, when he fell from the platform and his foot was crushed.

He retained consciousness and with all his intense pain and horrible suffering he displayed the nerve of a hero. By short stances he made his way to a signal pole, climbing the signal to stop the first train that might come along. This chance he took to a freight. It stopped and found young Guthrie, who told the crew what had happened. He was sent by the physician to the hospital, and he was kept there, as comfortable as possible and placed aboard the southbound train that reached here shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

A telegram had been sent ahead and the ambulance was ready to take Mr. Guthrie to the Old Dominion Hospital. His parents were, also, at the depot. They went to the hospital with their son, and his mother remained with him the greater part of the day.

At the hospital it was found necessary to amputate the foot. The operation was successfully accomplished and the young man stood up, helped by his mother, and by the physician to be in good shape, he has not sufficiently recovered from the shock to tell the details of his accident.

Mr. Guthrie has been book-keeper at the local branch of the Robert Porter and Company for four years, or since his fourteenth birthday, when he left school.

He is thought highly of by his associates and friends, all of whom deplore the unfortunate accident.

Mr. Guthrie formerly lived at No. 308 South Fifth Street, until yesterday when they moved to No. 10 South Cherry Street.

TEERE WILL BE NO STRIKE

Passenger and Power Company Will Treat With Electrical Workers.

There is no likelihood whatever of the electrical workers employed by the Passenger and Power Company going on a strike. The question of the company continuing the employment of colored linemen will be the subject of a conference with President Sutherland this morning, and there is no doubt that a satisfactory conclusion will be reached.

The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers recently appointed a committee to wait on President Sutherland and urge that the few negroes employed as linemen be given other work. The committee sought an interview with Sutherland yesterday, but being unable to see him had a very satisfactory conference with Superintendent Trafford, of the Light Department, who promised to arrange with Mr. Sutherland to meet the committee this morning. Mr. Trafford said that in the meantime the negroes would not be put back to work on the poles with white men.

Shielded the Woman.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Sept. 12.—Sport Taylor (colored) was shot in the arm by a woman on Farmer Street to-night. Taylor was treated by Dr. E. Garrett, the doctor that the woman was examining the pistol when it was accidentally fired.

He will not give the woman's name, and it is believed he was intentionally shot by her. No arrests have yet been made, however.

A Lady Drops Dead.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Samuels Salama, aged seventy-eight, dropped dead of heart disease this morning in Elizabeth City county at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Forbes. There are several surviving children.

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## YOUNG WIFE TO SUE FOR HER HUSBAND

Howard Ferguson's Father Still Still Keeps Him from Bride.

DOUBLE TRACK TO OCEAN VIEW

Improvements and Extensions of the Bay Shore Road to Cost Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars—Opened Social Clubs.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., Sept. 12.—The case of the young married people, Howard Ferguson and his wife, who was Goldie Virginia Detrick, is not settled. Ferguson, still keeps his son away from the bride, and her lawyer declares that he will have the husband or know the reason why.

The attorney for the young woman, W. H. Sergeant, says that negotiations are pending and a suit of law is impending. DR. RENNIE EXPECTED.

News has been received here that Dr. Joseph Rennie will come here. He accepted the call of the First Presbyterian Church here, subject to the approval of his presbytery at Covington, Ky. The presbytery has now agreed that Dr. Rennie will come here October 1st and preach the first sermon to his new charge October 5th.

DOUBLE TRACK TO OCEAN VIEW.

A meeting of the directors decided to double-track the Bay Shore road to Ocean View. This was decided in the office of R. L. Page yesterday at a full meeting of the directors.

The directors also determined to increase the equipment with larger and more motor cars; to occupy all of the streets in the city which the charter gives the privilege with double tracks; to extend the line along the bank of Elizabeth River from Atlantic City Ward to Lambert's Point, a distance of four miles, and to build stations and terminals, making the road complete and convenient, safe and fast.

The cost of this will be about \$350,000.

SOCIAL CLUBS.

The crusade here against the open side door of the saloons on Sunday has revived the business of the social club. The social club, which was organized by the side door, it unusually has some connection direct or remote and dark with a saloon. Consequently the officers who have driven the thirsty Sunday drinkers from the side door have found them at the club. The social club, which runs a social club in lower Water Street, was called in the Police Court this morning. It was shown that he had a license to sell drinks from the Federal and State governments and also a charter, yet he was arrested for selling liquor without a license. The State charter for the social club is eight years old, but the evidence seems to show that despite the fact that drinks can be had there with little or no ceremony except the cash, yet the law has been technically complied with. The club has been technically complied with the law, but it is not a social club in the eyes of the law. The club has been technically complied with the law, but it is not a social club in the eyes of the law.

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Sir Henry Irving is to appear in Richmond. Manager Leath received the contracts yesterday morning.

The great actor will be the Christmas-Day attraction in 1903. What the production will be is not stated, but it will be the great event of next season, there can be no doubt.

At the Academy of Music next week the attraction will be "A Stranger in New York," matinee and night Monday; "A Trip to Chinatown," Tuesday, matinee and night; Elizabeth Kennedy, in "Captain Jack," Wednesday, matinee and night, and the farce comedy "One of the Quiet" Saturday matinee and night.

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Excursion to Beach Park.

Perhaps the last excursion of the season will be run to West Point over the Southern Railway by the Beach Park Hotel Company on Monday, September 15th. Train will leave Fourth Street station at 9 o'clock A. M., and returning will leave West Point at 6 o'clock P. M. The usual low rates will prevail.

Railway Mail Clerks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Plunkett, of No. 410 North Twelfth Street, will leave to-day for Buffalo, where Mr. Plunkett goes to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Railway Mail Clerks, of which Mr. Plunkett is a member of the Executive Board. Before returning they will visit Niagara Falls and Thousand Islands.

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## MISS LA VERNE TO BE WITH GIFFEN

Grief Over Loss of Her Husband Causes Her Decision to Go Back on the Stage.

Miss Lucille La Verne, who has been a popular and prominent figure of the Giffen Company ever since that organization made its first appearance at the Academy of Music in this city, will be a member of the organization during the regular season. Mr. Giffen notified Manager Leath of this fact yesterday.

The announcement will come as a decided surprise to the theatre-goers in this city, who remember the actress's farewell speech on the last night of the Giffen Company's season at the Academy in July, when she said that she was leaving the stage to fill a role on the domestic hearth with her husband to whom she was devotedly attached. The reason for this sudden change is the death of her husband. He passed away unexpectedly before he met his wife, and it is supposed from the meagre information at hand, that he died on his way to London to meet Miss La Verne while she was speeding across the Atlantic on her way to join him, with her heart full of joy and the hope that she might be able to help him in his business. The death of his wife was a heavy blow to him, and he was a victim of the malady he had contracted while laboring in the fever-stricken regions of South America.

Miss La Verne had not been long married. It was no by and girl attachment, but a deep, real, true love that came into her life and possessed her very soul. Her husband's work lay in Guatemala, and between that port and Peru he followed the life of a trader, amassing considerable wealth. It was an open secret that Miss La Verne had a brother to whom she was greatly attached, and while she could not be with her husband on account of his trade, she followed the profession she loved so well, chiefly for the sake of her brother, who was a real business man and anxious to see his waywardness. She might have had the money to do this from her husband, but her friends knew that she refused it because she did not think it would be fair to him.

Miss La Verne was one of the sufferers by reason of the collapse of a bank here the season before last, for in that case she lost her money. She was one of the most helpful and cheerful members of the Giffen Company, and she made a host of friends in this city.

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## FREE LIGHTS ARE CAUSING TROUBLE

Manchester Aldermen Wrestle With Question at Length.

RAILROADS PAY CITY FOR THEM

Resolution from Lower Body as to Cleaner Streets Adopted After Discussion—Sad Death of Mr. R. C. Wood—Southside News.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 1102 Half Street.

Whether the city of Manchester should continue to accept money from two railroads for the use of electric lights is the question that the city council is now wrestling with. The city council is now wrestling with the question of whether the city should continue to accept money from two railroads for the use of electric lights. The city council is now wrestling with the question of whether the city should continue to accept money from two railroads for the use of electric lights.

Messrs. R. L. Patram, chairman of the subcommittee, and J. W. Barrett vigorously fought the rejection of the report, declaring that Manchester had no moral right to force railroads to pay for lights when they were furnished free by the electric company. Taking the stand that the city had a moral right to the lights, the rest of the members voted the other way.

The Southern road has been paying Manchester for the use of one light regularly ever since the city has been getting free lights. The Atlantic Coast Line road, however, has refused to do so. The effect has been to pay for the three lights they have refused to pay for. This fact developed after about an hour and a half had been consumed in discussion. Finally a resolution was adopted, instructing the City Attorney to communicate with Mr. R. L. Patram, chairman of the subcommittee, and to ask him to explain the case and the bills to him.

Mr. Patram then offered a resolution that the city refund to the Southern road the amount paid since April for the one light used.

Mr. Patram moved to lay the resolution on the table for a future meeting.

A vote was taken, resulting 4 to 4, and Mr. Patram withdrew the motion.

In the discussion Mr. Tillery made the allegation that an old member of the Council had told him the are light at Thirteenth and Semmes Streets was placed there for a purpose. The insinuation upon some retired member came in the nature of a surprise to many.

When the resolution from the Assembly that a sufficient number of hands be put to work on the streets to rid them of filth was read, Mr. Abbott made a strong speech in favor of the city's funds, in employing men with no one to see that they attended to their work. Mr. Abbott would not amend the resolution, as this would send it back to the Assembly for ratification, and time would be lost.

With a tacit understanding that the chairman of the Street Committee, Mr. R. L. Patram, would see to it that some one was made the foreman of the city hands, who would be responsible that they worked and not idled away their time, the resolution was adopted. Mr. Patram assured the board that he would use his efforts in the Street Committee to have some one made foreman of the gang, further saying that he had seen Captain Lipscomb, City Engineer, hence the boss of the city hands, and entreated with him to allow some one to be foreman and see that the men worked.

Mr. Patram suggested that only white men be employed as grave-diggers at Maury Cemetery, and that they dress more neatly at funeral. The Cemetery Committee will take up the matter.

The Mayor's message was a motion of Mr. Barrett, placed in the hands of a clerk of five, two from the Board and three from the Assembly, who will look into it. Messrs. Barrett and Perdus were appointed.

A clerk was instructed to communicate with the clerk of the Business Men's Association with a view to ascertaining the number of men in the hands of the city, and to see that they were properly employed.

Mr. John E. Utz spoke of his resignation, telling his regret at leaving and giving his reasons for doing so. He said that he was not yet decided on it, he would not send his resignation in until the next meeting.

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